

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims is provided for convenience. No claims are amended.

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium having computer program instructions stored thereon, the computer program instructions causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, comprising:

compiling a database in which the information is stored, the database comprising a plurality of portions, each of the plurality of portions is subdivided into sub-portions in which information is stored;

linking the sub-portions of each of the plurality of portions of the database to one another in a predetermined sequential arrangement such that, when the information is stored in the sub-portions, each subsequent sub-portion in the predetermined sequential arrangement contains further information on the topic;

establishing a user-executable navigation link from at least one sub-portion of the database to a second sub-portion of the database, the user-executable navigation link permitting a user to navigate from the at least one sub-portion to the second sub-portion, wherein the second sub-portion is non-sequential to the at least one sub-portion; and

recording an address in the database of each sub-portion from which the user-executable navigation link is made to allow a user to return to the sub-portion from which the navigation link is made.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 3, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, further comprising displaying a view of the sub-portion from which the navigation link is made, to be displayed in the same format as it was displayed before the navigation link to the second sub-portion was made.

6. (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 3, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, further comprising recording and displaying title information representing each sub-portion from which the navigation link is made.

7. (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 3, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, further comprising defining primary key expressions in information that is

stored, in use, by a compiler in selected sub-portions of the database and for establishing said navigation link to said second sub-portion of the database by receiving a user selection of said primary key expression.

8. (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 7, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, further comprising establishing explanatory notes in which information can be entered by a compiler and for defining secondary key expressions in information that is stored, in use, by a compiler in selected sub-portions of the database and for linking each secondary key expression to a particular associated explanatory note in an arrangement, wherein receiving the selection of a primary key expression from a user causes the associated explanatory note to be displayed.

9. (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 8, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, further comprising defining primary key expressions in said explanatory notes and for establishing said navigation link from primary key expressions in said explanatory notes, to predetermined sub-portions of the database.

10. (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 8, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, further comprising defining secondary key expressions in selected explanatory notes and for linking each secondary key expression to another explanatory note.

11. (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 10, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, further comprising establishing default explanatory notes in which information can be entered by a compiler, the program instructions being operable to display the default explanatory note simultaneously with the information in a particular sub-portion of the database.

12. (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 8, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, the computer-storage medium comprising a feedback component including program instructions permitting any part of the information contained in a sub-portion or explanatory note of the database, to be selected by a user and for the user's selection to be recorded.

13. (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 8, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, the computer-storage medium comprising a monitoring component including program instructions for recording a user's selection of primary and secondary key expressions.

14. (Previously Presented) A computer-storage medium as claimed in claim 3, having computer program instructions stored thereon for causing a processor to execute a method to enable management of information relating to a particular topic, further comprising displaying title information representing each sub-portion from which a navigation link is made so as to provide a user with a record of those sub-portions of the database from which navigation links are made.

15. (Previously Presented) An information management product which comprises:

a computer-storage medium for storing a database component and a computer program component;

said database component configured to store information relating to a particular topic, wherein the database component is stored on the computer-storage medium and comprising a plurality of portions, each of the plurality of portions are subdivided into sub-portions in which information on a particular aspect of the topic is stored; and

said computer program component configured to manage the information relating to the particular topic stored by the database component, wherein the computer program component is stored on the computer-storage medium and executable by a processor and including program instructions for linking the sub-portions of the plurality of portions to one another in a predetermined sequential arrangement, wherein the information is stored in the sub-portions and each subsequent sub-portion in the predetermined sequential arrangement contains further information on the topic, wherein the computer program component is further configured to:

establish a user-executable navigation link from at least one sub-portion of the sub-portions to a second sub-portion of the sub-portions stored in the database component to permit a user to navigate from the at least one sub-portion to the second sub-portion, wherein the second sub-portion is non-sequential to the at least one sub-portion; and

record an address in the database component of each sub-portion from which a navigation link is made to allow a user to return to the sub-portion from which the navigation is made.

16-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method of compiling a database of information relating to a particular topic, which includes the steps of:

compiling a plurality of portions of the database, wherein each of the plurality of portions is subdivided into a plurality of sub-portions;

linking each of the plurality of sub-portions of each of the plurality of portions of the database to one another in a predetermined sequential arrangement;

storing the information by inserting the information in the sub-portions in an arrangement wherein each subsequent sub-portion contains further information on the topic than in an immediately preceding sub-portion to which the subsequent sub-portion is linked;

establishing a user-executable navigation link from at least one sub-portion of the plurality of sub-portions of the database to a second sub-portion of the plurality of sub-portions, to permit a user to navigate from the at least one sub-portion to the second sub-portion, wherein the second sub-portion is non-sequential to the at least one sub-portion; and

recording an address in the database of each sub-portion from which a navigation link is made and allowing a user to return to the sub-portion from which a navigation link is made.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) A method of compiling a database of information as claimed in claim 18, further comprising:

displaying a view of the sub-portion from which the navigation link is made, in the same format as it was displayed before the navigation link to another sub-portion was made.

21-28. (Canceled)